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Sir:

This paper is a response to the final Office Action mailed May 15, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed January 23, 2008 concerning the captioned patent application, and follows applicants' Notice of Appeal filed on November 9, 2007. Applicants have enclosed with this submission a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

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